

## DEFINITIONS

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Following are selected terms and definitions that are used throughout this section:

1. **Underground Storage Tank(s):** Any one or combination of tanks, including pipes connected thereto, which is used for the storage of hazardous substances and which is substantially or totally beneath the surface of the ground (H&S Code Sec. 25281 [x][1], see reference: 3).
2. **Existing Underground Storage Tank(s):** Any underground storage tank that is not a new underground storage tank. The term includes any underground storage tank which has contained a hazardous substance in the past, and as of January 1, 1984, had the physical capability of being used again (i.e., it had not been removed or completely filled with an inert material (CCR Title 23, Chapter 16, Article 1, Section 2611, see reference 9).
3. **New Underground Storage Tank(s):** Any underground storage tank that was installed after January 1, 1984 -- construction standards require primary and secondary containment tanks and piping systems (CCR Title 23, Chapter 16, Article 1, Section 2611, see reference 9).
4. **Aboveground Storage Tank(s):** Any aboveground tank or container used for the storage of hazardous substances. The term includes any one, or combination of, aboveground storage tanks, including any piping which is integral to the tank (H&S Code Section 25270.2[j][k], see reference: 2).
5. **Unauthorized Release:** Any release or emission of any hazardous substance that does not include intentional withdrawals for the purpose of legitimate sale, use, or disposal.

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